



Risk Assessment – School trips

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Hazard area	Associated Risk	Pertains To	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Further Action
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Animal handling	Animal Handling sessions – Bites, Scratches, Kicks Butts etc.	Visitors	2	2	4	<p>Staff are trained in the correct and safe methods of husbandry and animal welfare.</p> <p>Staff instruct, supervise and support visitors in the correct and safe procedures pertaining to animal husbandry and welfare.</p> <p>Animals used in activities are chosen for temperament and suitability.</p> <p>Activity is immediately stopped and person(s) removed from situation, in the event of inappropriate/abusive behaviour which could cause distress to animal</p> <p>Animals are provided with space and shelter to seek refuge</p> <p>In the event of an animal is displaying signs of distress, the activity is immediately stopped, the animal is safely returned to its enclosure and participant(s) move to safety</p> <p>All animals are visually checked twice daily, with any signs of ill health or injury reported immediately</p> <p>Animals displaying signs of ill health or injury are examined by veterinary surgery</p> <p>Only justifiable, minimally invasive procedures to be used with regards to animal handling in order to ensure animal welfare</p> <p>Designated First Aider on site</p> <p>First Aid kit is fully equipped and accident log book is completed in the event of an incident</p>	
	Animal Husbandry – Zoonoses	Visitors	1	4	4	Food and drink are prohibited in animal areas	



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Walking with the animals Nipping/biting/spitting/ kicking/piling away (structured visits)	Visitors	2	2	4	<p>Hand washing facilities and signage located at entrance to farm area and separate hand sanitising stations situated around the farm. Supervised hand washing forms part of educational workshops and parties. Pregnant women prohibited from areas with lambs. High standards of hygiene maintained in all aspects of animal husbandry. All animals are visually checked twice daily for health and temperament. Any animal displaying signs of ill health/infectious disease is immediately removed from handling activities and examined by a veterinary surgeon. Animals are vaccinated against disease (species dependent). An immediate report is made to DEFRA/APHA, in the event of a suspect animal.</p> <p>warning signs and staff vigilance. Competent handling by trained staff. Staff under go training and visitors are given a safety talk before the activity begins. First aider on site.</p> <p>Animal under the control of handler, who is able to reassure, restrain and act quickly in an appropriate way to resume control of the animal at all times.</p>
Pig feeds (structured visits)		1	2	2	<p>Pig treats are given with staff supervision and never fed to the mouth. Treats are thrown into the paddock for the pigs so there is very little risk.</p>



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Dino Valley	Hypothermia or drowning resulting from a fall into the water feature.	Visitors	1	4	4	<p>The water feature is situated out of reach of visitors.</p> <p>Fencing acts as a barrier to prevent visitor access.</p> <p>Rope mesh fencing attached to wooden rails and heavy sleepers in order to prevent small children from crawling underneath and through railings.</p> <p>Signage in place advising visitors to stay on paths.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, 999 is called immediately. Life ring provided in the area.</p>
	Dino Dig	Visitors	2	2	4	<p>Sand pit/ dig is checked daily before opening.</p> <p>Adult supervision needed.</p> <p>Eye wash is stocked in the first aid kit at admissions (Administered by a first aider) First aider on site daily</p>
Fairy Dell	Slope No play zones	visitors	2	2	4	Fence rails are clearly marking out the pathways and entry zones.
	Falls/ climbing Inside the mushrooms		2	2	4	<p>Falls zone (wood chip) is 300ml deep and comes out the correct length (area Infront of steps)</p> <p>Daily maintenance checks are carried out BS1177 issued in May 2023</p>
	Slide		2	2	4	<p>Maintenance plan will be given by Cap Co to advise what to use and when</p> <p>Daily maintenance checks will carry out by the in-house team</p>



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Huff and Puff playground	Playground equipment including Storybook Castle, Tractor, Climbing tower, Spring ride-ons, nest swing and wheelchair swing Injury attained from faulty equipment, slips, trips and falls	Visitors	2	2	4	Staff carry out daily written safety checks of playground and all equipment, reporting any concerns to manager and maintenance staff immediately. External inspections take place every 3 months, with a more in-depth inspection carried out annually. In the event that a piece of playground equipment is deemed unsafe, visitors are prohibited from use until repairs are carried out. Signage in place advising visitors of playground rules and safe use of equipment.
Skittles	Misuse Injury caused by equipment	Visitors	1	1	2	Ball and pins are made of wood and may suffer some damage from use. These are regularly maintained and checked every day.
Duck race	Illness caused by water play		1	1	2	Water is treated with chlorine regularly Equipment is checked daily Regular water changes carried out.
Rapunzel's Kingdom (indoor play)	Slips, trips and falls	visitors	2	2	4	Adult supervision is required First aider on site Mostly soft surfaces Rules of play apply
	Head bumps		2	2	4	Low arch ways have been cushioned Adult supervision is required First aider on site



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Wheel chair swing (if needed)	Use of equipment	Visitors	1	3	3	Staff must supervise the use of the wheelchair swing at all times. Trained staff only to operate.
Wilderness walk	Uneven ground (grass land) can cause trips and falls	visitors	1	2	1	Grass is cut regularly for create a pathway. Barriers around areas that should not be walked on.
	Touch and feel box Allergic reaction		1	2	2	Signage outside of the box can be seen before entering your hand into the box. First aiders on sight and staff are always around.
	Willd flower and plants (allergic reactions and stings or prickles)		1	2	2	Areas are maintained by the gardener. First aider is on sight at all times. Staff can be found in the animal area. Appropriate signage.
Marquee	Use High winds	Visitors	1	3	3	Marquees are closed to visitors if wind speeds increase to 45MPH and above. School host (staff) will remain with the school at all times)
Water play on site	Untreated water illnesses	visitors	1	2	2	Duck race – as above Treated water Niagara Falls Fresh water play Wooden steps can be slippery when wet Daisy the cow – milking Water is treated and pumped regularly



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						Water spray from Dinosaur – Fresh water feed (not pond water) Spray from the Hex Fountain (dancing fountain) Treated water (only sprays when windy)	
Fire	Building fire Outside fires	Visitors	1	4	4	A number of staff are trained fire marshals and formular with an evacuation process and assembly point. Fire safety included in an induction for every new employee. All gates are coded padlocks so fire marshals have easy access to an escape route and can evacuate visitors quickly. Fire assembly point in second car park furthest away from the building (sign posted) Fire alarms fitted and regularly tested, fire extinguishers throughout the site are serviced annually.	

Likelihood of Occurrence¹ 1. negligible chance 2. little chance but could happen 3. may happen 4. likely to happen 5. almost inevitable	Likely Consequences² 1. Slight (cuts and bruises) 2. minor injury (under 3 day injury) 3. major injury (RIDDOR) 4. fatality 5. several fatalities	Risk Rating R³ = L x C Key 1-4 acceptable risk 5-12 additional controls required 13-18 urgent attention required 18-25 unacceptable risk – cease activity